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SUBJECT: NORTHERN REACTION TO TV STATEMENTS BY SOARES

1. MORE TIME FOR THE SOCIALISTS: REACTION IN OPORTO HAS BEEN GENERALLY POSITIVE TO JUNE 7 TV APPEARANCE OF PRIME MINISTER SOARES. THERE IS SOME CONSENSUS HERE THAT SOARES FACED THE NATION IN ORDER TO CALM DOWN THE POLITICAL SCENE AND GAIN MORE TIME FOR THE PS MINORITY GOVERNMENT. IN THIS REGARD SOARES APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL. OBSERVERS CREDIT SOARES WITH HAVING DEFENDED PS POLICIES WITHOUT ATTACKING OR ANTAGONIZING OPPOSITION ON RIGHT OR LEFT. OPORTO'S LEADING INDEPENDENT EDITORIAL WRITER CONCLUDES THAT SOARES HAS WON ANOTHER BATTLE BUT CAUTIONS THAT THE WAR IS FAR FROM OVER.

2. NO UPSURGE IN INDUSTRY: REMARKS BY SOARES ARE NOT EXPECTED TO TRIGGER ANY ECONOMIC UPSURGE. PRIVATE INVESTMENT SOURCES REMAIN PESSIMISTIC AND POINT OUT THAT SOARES MADE NO ANNOUNCEMENT OF ANY CHANGES IN ECONOMIC POLICY. WHAT OPORTO BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY FIGURES WANT ARE MORE CLEARLY DEFINED LAWS PLUS THE REASONABLE EXPECTATION THAT CLARIFIED RULES OF THE ECONOMIC GAME WILL BE RIGIDLY ENFORCED. BUSINESSMEN HAVE BEEN

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SAYING THIS SINCE THE PS GOVERNMENT WAS INSTALLED. DESPITE SELECTED STATISTICS USED BY SOARES TO PROVE BRIGHTENING ECONOMIC PICTURE, LEADING PRODUCTIVITY INDICES OF MAJOR NORTHERN INDUSTRIES IN QUANTITY AND NOT VALUE ARE STILL DOWN.

3. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH LOCAL OPINION CURRENTLY VIEWS PS MINORITY GOVERNMENT IN TERMS OF GROWING DISADVANTAGES, SOARES'

APPEARANCE LAST NIGHT REINFORCED THE GENERAL OUTLOOK THAT
PORTUGAL STILL CAN'T AFFORD TO CHANGE GOVERNMENTS AT THIS
STAGE.
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